

the United States, a position he held until 1993. In that role, he oversaw the work of more than 3,000 Government Printing Office employees across the nation. He also earned a doctorate from Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, during his term as public printer.

Mr. Houk was very active in the Shelby community, chairing the boards of the Rehabilitation Center of North Central Ohio, the Mansfield Symphony Society, and The Ohio State University's Mansfield Campus. He also enjoyed playing trumpet in many area bands and was a charter member of the Ashland Area Community Concert Band.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Houk is survived by his wife, Sally; his son, Raymond; his daughter, Lisa; and their families. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer them my condolences as they gather in Shelby on Saturday to celebrate his life and his many contributions to the community and our nation.

**HONORING NATALA K. (TALLY)
HART UPON HER RETIREMENT
FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Natala K. (Tally) Hart upon her retirement from The Ohio State University.

Expressing how much Tally Hart has meant to The Ohio State University and the many students who have felt the impact of her unwavering commitment to higher education remains no easy task. As a graduate of Ohio State and an admirer of this remarkable person, it gives me great pleasure to add my personal appreciation.

For over three decades, Tally has dedicated herself to helping students achieve their dreams of attending college. After serving at various institutions around the country, in 1996 she was hired as Ohio State's Director of Financial Aid. In this position she gained national recognition for not only her unrivaled ability to obtain funding for students, but also the strength of her character and the sincerity of her efforts. In 2006 Tally was named Senior Advisor for Economic Access. In this role she was given the opportunity to lead a new program that allowed her to create programs that benefit thousands of disadvantaged students and make Ohio State a leader in college access and success initiatives.

Upon her retirement, Tally will leave behind a legacy that will permeate throughout central Ohio for years to come. Like fellow Buckeyes before her, she has become a beloved figure at our school. Through her selfless pursuits and deep passion for Ohio State, Tally has added greatly to the school's storied history and rich tradition.

While she is moving on to the next phase in her life, Tally will surely never stop doing what she loves: helping others. On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I would like to wish Tally the best of luck and thank her for her devotion to Ohio State.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state that I meant to vote "nay" on H.R. 1633, the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act, when it was considered on the House Floor on December 9, 2011.

I am strongly opposed to this unnecessary bill and voted "aye" by accident.

CONGRATULATING ALFRED UNIVERSITY UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Alfred University, a major educational institution in my district which is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. Their official commemoration and activities were held the week of December 5, 2011. I am honored to have the privilege of representing such a fine university that provides an excellent education to its 2000 undergraduate and 300 graduate students.

Alfred University was founded on December 5, 1836 by a group of Seventh Day Baptists who moved to the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The University is named for the ninth-century ruler of southern England, Alfred the Great, whose devotion to learning and literature is a legacy that the institution upholds to this day.

Alfred's commitment to academics is nationally known, with the Inamori School of Engineering consistently ranked top in the country for its Masters of Science degrees. Additionally, students at Alfred can choose between over 40 undergraduate majors to study.

As an alum, I can personally attest to the excellence of this institution and its world class academics.

Please join me in congratulating Alfred University in reaching this incredible milestone as it celebrates its 175th Anniversary.

REMEMBER PEARL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Remember Pearl "A Date Which Will Live in Infamy" in solemn remembrance of Pearl Harbor on the 70th anniversary, December 7, 1941. The following poem was authored by Albert Carey Caswell, who is a Capitol Building tourguide noted for his thoughtful and heartfelt tours for Wounded Warriors and his devotion to servicemembers, military families, and veterans.

REMEMBER PEARL

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In every country's history . . .

There are but those defining moments that which so indeed!

That which define there very destinies!
As out into a future but plant such seeds!
To so define her and give her all that she so needs!

Remember Pearl . . .

That day that will live in Infamy!

As . . .

For as a Nation, we must all so remember . . .

That dark and dreary, very cold and bleak December . . .

When . . .

When there, on one beautiful Sunday morning . . .

As America so lie all in harms way and in ruin, so all without warning . . .

As it was seventy years ago this day . . .

All in a cowards way!

When, so very unexpectedly!

As "A Date Which Will Live In Infamy" . . .

Was but a calm before the storm, as they . . .

As they so tried to take America's very heart away . . .

As lies now so all etched in Infamy . . .

War! Pearl Harbor! The Devil's Creed!

Feeding Evil's needs!

When, so many heroes died indeed!

Bless them all, God Speed!

All in one of our Nation's darkest of all days . . .

As a Nation so slept, had they . . .

And so wept upon that day . . .

As out across the world, such an Evil so unfurled . . .

As this darkness all towards them so crept, towards our little boys and girls . . .

Goodness . . . Evil . . . Darkness . . . Light . . .

Those brave hearts who evil must fight!

Who but bring their light!

Who Evil must fight!

Would this Evil stand?

As it was nearly eight on that morning, when each woman, child, and man!

All without such warning, when a sleeping giant so awoke!

As from out of all of this heartache and such hell,

and scenes of horror . . . as all in their fine hearts what would dwell!

Such a story to our children tell!

One of Such Faith and Courage . . .

As America's heart grew stronger, all in what their fine souls so nourished!

While, against all odds . . . such darkness, could not discourage . . .

As somehow America so found the hope and courage!

All in how they so heroically behaved, and so fought and died on that day . . .

As out across a Nation, The Mothers Cried . . .

As over one thousand were so wounded, and twenty-five hundred heroes on that day so died!

And, still America would not so lose hope . . . for we all somehow survived!

All because of what, all within their most magnificent hearts so lie!

As from out of all of those ashes, death and fury . . . as was invoked such a story!

Came a Pearl, a gem so formed of which to all the world so spoke!

A story, all about America's Courage and Glory . . . and yes so hope!

For rising from out of such hell, all of their fine hearts so chose to swell!

As 18 ships were lost or crippled on that day, names like USS Arizona come to mind who were so sent to their watery graves . . .

As the waters now above gently caress their souls,

as deep below in these ships their sacred bodies hold!

As upon our knees, with tears in eyes for all of them we now so pray!

As the bombs rained down upon Pearl on that day!
 As almost two hundred planes were shot down or on run ways lie ruin to decay!
 But, they say our Lord has his hand in it on that day . . .
 Because, our carriers were far out to sea . . . far out of harms way!
 Giving our Country Tis of Thee, that chance to come back from such Infamy!
 And suddenly now as a Nation, we were all on the march . . .
 all ahead full . . . as our hearts they could not so parch!
 As we collectively so sent the word, "Over There . . . Send The Word To Beware!"
 As this was the defining moment, when America So Set Out To Save The World!
 So teach your children well, that out of Such Infamy and Such Hell . . .
 Can come such light, Wherever Faith In Hearts So Dwells . . .
 And that America's Heart, will always find a way to swell!
 That in our darkest of all hours, our Faith will all so shower!
 With The Strength To Over Evil, To So Tower!
 So on this day upon your knees, remember all of these . . .
 And, "That Day Which Will Live In Infamy"! But, not forget what over Evil, Hearts of Faith and Courage Can So Achieve!
 For something's time can not erase . . .
 And for such things, Heaven so holds a place!
 On This Day That Will Live . . . In Infamy!
 Remember Pearl, Bless them all God Speed!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington DC from December 5–8, 2011.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 892; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 893; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 894; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 895; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 896; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 897; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 898; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 899; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 900, the motion to recommit H.R. 10; "no" on rollcall vote No. 901, final passage of the Regulations in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (H.R. 10); "no" on rollcall vote No. 902; "no" on rollcall vote No. 903, the rule providing for consideration of the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011 (H.R. 1633); "no" on rollcall vote No. 904, the Synthetic Drug Control Act; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 906; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 907; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 908; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 909; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 910; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 911, the motion to recommit H.R. 1633; and "no" on rollcall vote No. 912, final passage of the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act (H.R. 1633).

INTRODUCING THE INVESTING IN AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES ACT OF 2011

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Investing in America's Small Businesses Act of 2011, or the "Micro Biz" Bill.

This bill fills an important need in this country to advance the practice of microlending to small start ups, and because it allows Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to do more of the great work that they already do.

This bill will expand a vital source of seed money for entrepreneurs who don't have access to bank loans. The billion-dollar corporation that began in a dorm room or a garage is no urban myth, as the employees of Facebook and Hewlett-Packard can tell you, but the Great Recession has made it harder than ever for entrepreneurs to access credit. It's my hope that this "micro biz" bill will be a bridge not only to vital financing for entrepreneurs, but also to a brighter economic future for our country.

Indeed, we in Congress talk quite often about the need to create jobs. And even with the unemployment rate falling to 8.6% from a high of 9.2%, our economic recovery is slower than all of us would like. So the goal of my bill is to get to the heart of job creation, the small business—and more specifically, the small startup. And because I think this is a goal that even big business should share, a critical component of the bill is to foster public private partnerships. I have focused on CDFIs because they are on the ground every day financing projects, lending to small businesses, and engaging in economic development in underserved areas.

My bill will provide grants to CDFIs to create or enhance their loan-loss reserves so they can either begin to do micro lending or so they can do more of it. Loan-loss reserves are critical for institutions to be able to extend loans and for corporations to partner with them. Loan-loss reserves cover the institution in the case of a loan default but also allow the institution to be in the "first loss" position. So, if a larger institution or corporation wants to partner with them, the loan-loss reserve ensures that the CDFI, not the larger institution or corporation, will be on the hook should the loan default. I should note, though, that historically, loans in this category through the CDFI's have a very low loan default rate—just 3% in the first quarter of 2011. But the loan-loss reserve provides critical protections for CDFIs and their partners.

The bill also provides grants for technical assistance so that CDFIs can engage with small businesses and help them get off the ground. Loans made through this program must be under \$25,000 and the CDFI must be able to match the grant by 50%. Most importantly, for every dollar of public money, the CDFIs can leverage six dollars of private money.

I believe this bill is essential to helping CDFIs create new financial products and services that are appropriate and accessible for millions of American small businesses that do not have access to the financial mainstream.

Often we are talking about a young Steve Jobs who invents the first computer in his basement but needs startup capital to get it out there. Unfortunately most entrepreneurs aren't Steve Jobs and need loans to get their ideas off the ground. But if they do, they grow, they take on a partner and business takes off from there. Job creation flows from that first loan.

That is exactly what this bill is about and why I think it is so important. It is not a comprehensive solution, but it is a way to get money out there to small business and support job creation from the ground up.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

IN HONOR OF JACK WINGATE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and feeling of fond remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a close personal friend, committed community leader, avid conservationist and one of America's most accomplished and legendary bass fishermen—the late Jack Wingate. Mr. Wingate, affectionately known as the "Sage of Seminole," passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at his residence in Recovery, Georgia.

A large gathering that consisted of family members, friends, colleagues and his expansive network of admiring fans, paid their respects to Mr. Wingate at his funeral service that was held on Monday, December 12, 2011, at Calvary Baptist Church. The funeral service was followed by an interment at Cool Springs Cemetery and Masonic graveside rites were provided by the Faceville Masonic Lodge number 487 along with military honors that were bestowed by the United States Navy.

Mr. Wingate, an immensely popular and universally respected public figure in the Decatur County, Georgia community for several decades, was born on September 1, 1929 in Faceville, Georgia. The son of William Paul Wingate and Myrtle Bates Wingate, he was a 1947 graduate of Faceville High School and was a Korean War veteran.

After honorably serving in the military during the Korean conflict, Mr. Wingate returned to his home state of Georgia and founded the famous Lunker Lodge on Lake Seminole in Bainbridge, Georgia. This nationally renowned lodge has hosted several prestigious fishing tournaments and has earned a reputation as a favored compound for expert bass fishermen and notable celebrities. Jack also operated the Wingate's Fishing Camp for Boys at Lunker Lodge and introduced many young men and future expert anglers to the outdoors for 33 years.

Along with operating the Lunker Lodge, Jack had a very successful career as a media commentator and columnist. Over several decades he served as a columnist for the Bainbridge Post-Searchlight newspaper and frequently made appearances on local TV and radio stations throughout Southwest Georgia to discuss current events, tell fishing stories, and provide in-depth updates on conditions at Lake Seminole.